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DAILY
**CONVERSATIONS
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MEDIA**



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Li Hao trends on Weibo:** Wheelchair fencer Li Hao, who won Team China's first gold medal at Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, is trending on Weibo. Chinese netizens have nicknamed him "Sunshine Boy".

II. News in China

- People's Daily has run a long piece on 'National Unity and Progress' which focuses on ethnic minorities and is titled 'Sharing the great glory of national rejuvenation'. While it is mainly a mix of a statements from Xi's previous statements and speeches, it also sheds how building the narrative that China is a 'unified multi-ethnic country' is crucial to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).
- Foreign Minister Wang Yi addressed the opening ceremony and the first plenary meeting of the committee for future development of China-ROK relation.
- Chinese State Councilor and Minister of Public Security Zhao Kezhi spoke with Moeed Yusuf, special assistant to Pakistani Prime Minister on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning. He highlighted that the two countries will "boost anti-terror cooperation" that supports their "rock-firm friendship" while focusing on finding out the truth about the Dasu attack.
- Focus on Africa in China's foreign policy outlook continues post the China-Africa Internet Development and Cooperation Forum hosted by the State Internet Information Office of China.
- Party Group of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) has published a piece in People's Daily which highlights that "Dare to fight and dare to win is the invincible and powerful spiritual force of the Chinese Communist Party". The piece is heavy with implementation strategy about how the CCP should be held central to the country. It talks about "maintaining flesh-and-blood ties" and how that can be driven into an outlook wherein the CCP is working for the betterment of the country.
- From August 23 to 24, General Secretary Xi Jinping inspected and investigated in Hebei Province. He has visited Saihanba Mechanical Forest Farm, Chengde Mountain Resort, Chengde Museum, Daguikou Village, Pianqiaozi Town, Shuangluan District, Binhe Community of High-tech Zone and other places for investigation.
- Focus on critical information infrastructure has seen growth in China, being labelled vital to "safeguarding national network security".

III. India Watch

- Focus on building its image as a multi-ethnic country is crucial to China especially as Xinjiang continues to receive global focus. From a perspective to understand policy, India should focus on insights such as how Xi argues that 'ethnic equality' to build 'regional ethnic autonomy is vital'. In this regard, the piece argues that China must 'firmly establish the ideological concept that the Han cannot be separated from the ethnic minorities'. As Better Cotton Initiative suspends cotton trade from Xinjiang and stories of human rights violations of both Uyghur Muslims and Tibetans stay rampant across the global stage vis-a-vis China, the focus on preserving 'ethnic unity' as a core principle advocated by the CCP is a major objective.